

Remarks

Claims 1-26, 28, 31-40, 42, and 45-49 are currently pending. Applicants assert that all claims are in condition for allowance after final as set forth more fully below.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings due to errors in FIGS. 4 and 5. A replacement FIG. 4 was enclosed with the after final response previously filed and provides output to block 412 as No and output to block 416 as Yes. A replacement FIG. 5 was also enclosed with the after final response previously filed and now states “at SSP”, which is believed to be more accurate than the correction suggested by the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objections to the drawings now be withdrawn.

103 Rejections

Claims 1-26, 28, 31-40, 42, and 45-49 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over combinations of reference including Devillier (US Pat 6,366,661) in view of Bhandari (US Pat 6,891,940) with some rejections also including Dunn (US Pat 5,917,817), White (US Pat 6,014,379), and Bajzath (US Pat 6,144,644). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

For all pending claims, Applicants reassert the arguments filed after final. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner provided a one sentence response that hardly addressed the points raised in the after final arguments but merely stated that the Examiner believes the rejections to be proper. Applicants respectfully request a well reasoned explanation of why those arguments are not persuasive. Specifically, Applicants again request that either the claims be passed to allowance or a reference be provided that shows the necessary motivation including the teaching or suggestion of altering both the AIN IP 26 and the SCP 32 of Devillier to cause the AIN IP 26 to park the incoming call but to also receive through the AIN links distinct from the Internet 18 the request from the SCP 32 for communicating over the Internet 18 to get a response to a query from a switch that is caused by the incoming call that the AIN IP 26 has parked. None of the references provide for such modification of the AIN IP 26 and the SCP 32, and the only

suggestion for providing such a modification comes from a reading of the present application. Hindsight based on the present application cannot be the motivation, nor the teaching itself of the modification to the references.

Furthermore, amended claim 1 now recites a system for processing voiced communications through a computer network comprising... a controller in communication with the switch via a first protocol, and a gateway in communication with the switch and the controller through communication links distinct from the computer network, wherein the controller communicates over the communication link to the gateway such that the controller sends information in a second protocol that is different than the first protocol and the gateway receives the information from the controller in the second protocol and the gateway sends information in the second protocol to the controller and the controller receives the information in the second protocol.... Support for these recitations is provided throughout the specification, such as where it is disclosed that SS7 signaling is used between the SSP and the SCP while TCP/IP signaling is used between the SCP and the gateway. These claim recitations are contrary to the purported combination based on Devillier such that claim 1 is allowable for additional reasons.

In particular, Devillier as modified does not provide for a first protocol between the switch and the controller and a second protocol between the controller and the AIN IP that is said to be the gateway for parking calls and for communicating with the computer network. Recall that the protocol between the server 16 and the SCP 32 is irrelevant to this discussion because the communication links as claimed are separate from the communication network 18 and the communication between the SCP 32 and the server 16 is through the communication network 18 rather than being through distinct communication links. Accordingly, the proper focus must be on the communication link between the SCP 32 and the AIN IP 26.

That communication link between the SCP 32 and the AIN IP 26 stems from the SCP 32 to the STP 28, to the switch 22, to the switch 24, and then to the AIN IP 26. The channel of communications between the SCP 32 and any of the switches 20, 22, 24 is the same as that between the SCP 32 and the AIN IP 26 (indeed the SCP to IP signaling passes through switches 22, 24) such that the protocol of communications between the

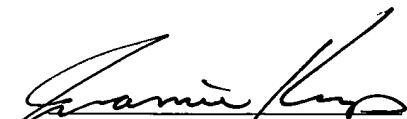
SCP 32 to any of the switches 22 is the same as the protocol being sent by the SCP 32 and destined for the AIN IP 26. Devillier provides no explanation as to how the SCP 32 sends signals destined for the AIN IP 26 that are of a different protocol than those signals destined for the switches. Therefore, Devillier as modified fails to meet all of the elements of claim 1, and claim 1 is allowable over Devillier as modified by the secondary references for at least this additional reason.

Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-26, 28, 31-40, 42, and 45-49 is in condition for allowance after final. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees beyond the fee for continued examination and a one month extension of time are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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